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SUBJECT: IFAD CONTRIBUTIONS

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1. WE DISCUSSED REFTEL WITH LENOTTE OF THE BELGIAN FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION, WHO HAS PARTICIPATED ON BELGIAN DELEGATIONS TO WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS. LENOTTE SAYS THE BELGIAN POSITION IS VIRTUALLY THE SAME AS OURS. THEY AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY THAT COORDINATION AMONG CATEGORY I COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN DAC. LENOTTE'S PERSONAL VIEW IS THAT IF A GENERAL CONSENSUS IS REACHED IN THAT FORUM, MAVERICK COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE NETHERLANDS AND FRANCE WILL BE OBLIGED TO GO ALONG.

2. ACCORDING TO LENOTTE, IF SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM APPEALS TO BELGIUM, IT IS THE PRESENT INTENTION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS POLITICAL DIRECTOR DAVIGNON TO REPLY ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF BELGIUM EVEN CONSIDERING INCREASING ITS PLEDGE (500 MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS) UNTIL THE \$1 BILLION TARGET IS REACHED. ON THE CONTRARY, BELGIUM'S CONTRIBUTION IS CONDITIONAL ON ACHIEVEMENT OF THE TARGET. THE BELGIAN VIEW IS THAT THE CATEGORY I COUNTRIES HAVE PLEDGED MORE THAN THE SHARE OF IFAD CONTRIBUTIONS ORIGINALLY FORESEEN FOR THEM AND THAT, THEREFORE, IT IS FOR THE OPEC COUNTRIES TO MAKE UP THE REMAINING DIFFERENCE. IN FACT, LENOTTE ADDED, THE BELGIAN VIEW IS THAT \$1 BILLION WAS TO BE CONTRIBUTED BETWEEN CATEGORY I AND II COUNTRIES ALONE. THE CATEGORY III CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD PROPERLY BE CONSIDERED AS ADDITIONAL TO THE TARGET AMOUNT.

3. LENOTTE EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE US INITIATIVE IN SEEKING A COORDINATED POSITION AMONG DAC COUNTRIES ON THIS ISSUE.RENNER

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